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PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 13, 2010 AS HOMEWALK DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The fourth annual United Way of Greater Los Angeles HomeWalk will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at Exposition Park in Los Angeles. The goals for the HomeWalk are to increase awareness about the homeless crisis in Los Angeles County; engage and educate the public to motivate the public to address homelessness; and raise funds that are reinvested back into the community and end homelessness for men, women and children. The HomeWalk will also engage and motivate County residents on a personal level to participate in solving the problem.

All money raised through HomeWalk is distributed back into the community to help quickly rehouse homeless families and provide permanent housing to the chronically homeless. Over the past 3 years, HomeWalk has mobilized 13,000 walkers, raised \$1.3 million, and moved 6,000 people into permanent housing.

Last November, thousands of residents from throughout Los Angeles County came together in Exposition Park to participate in HomeWalk 2009. The 2009 County team raised over \$10,670 and consisted of over 50 walkers on the day of the event.

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The goal this year is to surpass the funds raised in 2009 by the County's team and the support of all County departments is needed. A "County Team" link has been set up on the United Way HomeWalk 2009 website at www.homewalkla.org.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim Saturday, November 13, 2010, as "HomeWalk Day" throughout Los Angeles County, encourage all County employees to participate in the event to raise awareness about the homelessness crisis.

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